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FROM LOW

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: RH, MZ, PDEV

SUBJECT: RHODESIA: MAPUTO TALKS

1. REQUEST DEPT'S COMMENTS ON FOLLOWING MATTERS RELATED
TO OUR DISCUSSIONS IN MAPUTO.

2. UNDERSTAND THE MOZAMBIKANES HAVE OR WILL PROPOSE A
VISIT TO CHIMOYO, REFUGEE CAMPS, ETC. AND THAT LORD CARVER
HAS TURNED DOWN THEIR INVITATION BUT AUTHORIZED MEMBERS OF
HIS PARTY AND OF THE BRITISH EMBASSY IN MAPUTO TO ACCEPT.

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I ASSUME THE SAME WOULD APPLY TO ME AND THAT I WOULD NOT
ACCEPT ANY SUCH INVITATION.

3. BELIEVE IT WOULD BE USEFUL FOR MACHEL TO HAVE SOME
IDEA OF THE SERIOUS PROGRESS OF THE SALISBURY TALKS.
WHETHER THE SUBJECT ARISES FORMALLY OR INFORMALLY, I
BELIEVE WE SHOULD BE PREPARED TO DISCUSS THIS MATTER.

WHILE I DO NOT THINK WE SHOULD GO INTO THE DETAILS OF SUBSTANCE (CITIZENSHIP PROVISIONS, NUMBER OF SEATS FOR WHITES, 1/4 OR 1/5 CONTROVERSY, ETC.) I HOPE THAT THE DEPT AND FCO AGREE TO AUTHORIZE US TO MAKE CLEAR TO THE MOZAMBICANS THE FOLLOWING POINTS:

(A) WE UNDERSTAND THAT SMITH HAS AGREED TO ONE PERSON ONE VOTE AT AGE 18;

(B) WE ALSO UNDERSTAND AGREEMENT HAS BEEN REACHED ON A NUMBER OF OTHER CONSTITUTIONAL ISSUES WHICH PROVIDE SOME ASSURANCES TO WHITES IN RHODESIA. WHILE THESE PROVISIONS DO NOT FOLLOW EXACTLY THOSE OF OUR OWN PROPOSALS NEITHER DO THEY DIFFER GREATLY FROM THEM;

(C) WE HAVE MAINTAINED CONTACT WITH MUZOREWA AND SITHOLE IN AN EFFORT TO CONVINCE THEM OF OUR VIEW THAT A SETTLEMENT SHOULD INCLUDE ALL PARTIES AND THAT WE ARE SERIOUS IN OUR DETERMINATION TO CONTINUE TO MOVE AHEAD WITH OUR PROPOSALS.

4. BELIEVE OUR APPROACH IN MAPUTO SHOULD BE FIRST TO OUTLINE IN DETAIL OUR PROPOSALS FOR THE TRANSITION PERIOD AND CREATION OF THE ZNA; THEN TO LISTEN TO MOZAMBICANS' COMMENTS ABOUT THESE PROPOSALS AND ANY OTHER SUBJECT THEY WISH TO RAISE; AND FINALLY, TO AGREE TO TAKE THESE COMMENTS INTO CONSIDERATION. I BELIEVE WE SHOULD AVOID ANY COUNTER PROPOSALS OR DISCUSSION OF MATTERS WE HAVE NOT ALREADY REVIEWED WITH THE PATRIOTIC
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5. QUESTION RISES OF THE DEGREE TO WHICH WE SHOULD STATE OUR WILLINGNESS TO ACCEPT AN ADVISORY COUNCIL, MILITARY (CEASE FIRE MAINTENANC) COMMITTEE, ETC. WHICH WE HAVE NOT YET DISCUSSED WITH THE PF--THOUGH WE DID WITH SITHOLE. IN MY VIEW WE SHOULD ACKNOWLEDGE THAT WE ARE WILLING TO CONSIDER THESE ARRANGEMENTS IF THE MOZAMBICANS BRING THEM UP. HOWEVER, WE SHOULD NOT VOLUNTEER THEM IF THEY DO NOT SPECIFICALLY ASK US--I.E., IF THEY SIMPLY QUESTION US ABOUT HOW WE PROPOSE TO INVOLVE THE NATIONALISTS DURING THE TRANSITION PERIOD. I SAY THIS BECAUSE IF THE PROPOSAL WERE TO COME FROM US IT WOULD BE PASSED ON TO THE PF WHO RIGHTFULLY MIGHT RESENT OUR MAKING IT TO THEM THROUGH THE FRONT LINE.

6. UNDERSTAND MUGABE WILL BE IN MAPUTO, AND NKOMO MIGHT ALSO BE THERE OVER THE WEEKEND. ASSUME WE WOULD BE WILLING TO MET WITH THEM TO DISCUSS EITHER THE BASIS OF A FURTHER MEETING WITH OWEN AND YOUNG OR THE SUBSTANCE OF OUR PROPOSALS SHOULD THEY WISH. ON SUCH AN OCCASION, I THINK THAT WE SHOULD BE PREPARED TO MAKE THE SAME

THREE POINTS LISTED IN PARA 3 ABOVE RELATING
TO THE SALISBURY TALKS.

7. ANY COMMENTS DEPT MAY WISH TO MAKE ON ABOVE SHOULD
BE SENT TO ME IN PRETORIA AND MAPUTO.BOWDLER
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